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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

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Applicant

CORNELL RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☒ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☒ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

☐ a sequence listing

☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

☐ in written format

☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

☐ contained in international application as filed.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application

☒ claims Nos. 17-19

because:

☐ the said international application, or the said claim Nos. _____ relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

☒ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. 17-19 are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

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☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☐ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. _____

☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

☐ has not been furnished

☐ does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

☐ has not been furnished

☐ does not comply with the standard

☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-*bis* of the Administrative Instructions.

☐ See Supplemental Box for further details.

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Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

1. ☒ In response to the invitation (Form PCT/ISA/206) to pay additional fees the applicant has:
- ☐ paid additional fees
- ☐ paid additional fees under protest
- ☒ not paid additional fees
2. ☐ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose not to invite the applicant to pay additional fees.
3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rule 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is
- ☐ complied with
- ☒ not complied with for the following reasons:
- See the lack of unity section of the International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/210)

4. Consequently, this opinion has been established in respect of the following parts of the international application:
- ☐ all parts.
- ☒ the parts relating to claims Nos. 1-8, 13-19 and 25-28

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>8 and 25-28</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-7 and 13-16</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>8 and 25-28</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-7 and 13-16</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-8,13-16 and 25-28</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-7, 13-16 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Ledvina et al.

Ledvina discloses a software receiver comprising: a receiver capable of receiving a radio signal; means for digitizing the radio signal and software correlator capable of mixing the digitized radio signal to form a baseband signal using bit wise parallelism. The correlator further comprises means for computing correlation and means for computing accumulations. The receiver further comprises application specific code capable of computing navigation data using the accumulations. The digitizing comprises means for down converting the radio signal to an intermediate frequency and digitizer capable of digitizing the IF. The digitizer is an A/D converter.

As for claims 14-16. Ledvina discloses a software receiver comprising; a front end device; a data acquisition device; at least one shift register; a baseband mixer; a correlator and an accumulator (see fig.2). The data comprises a signal sign and at least one signal magnitude (see table 1)

Claims 8, 25-28 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for processing at least one radio frequency signal over an accumulation period comprising the steps of: receiving at least one RF signal; mixing the at least one RF signal to form a baseband signal using bit-wise parallelism; computing a fully mixed prompt integrand as a function of the baseband mixing signal and pre-selected PRN code using the bit wise parallelism; computing a fully mixed early-minus late integrand as a function of the baseband mixed signal and the pre-selected PRN code using the bit wise parallelism; computing in-phase and quadrature summed accumulations over the accumulation period; and rotation the in-phase and quadrature summed accumulations to correct for effects of frequency and phase granularity of the baseband mixed signal as claimed in claim 1.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Section III. Non-establishment of opinion (description/claims/drawings unclear)

Claims 17-19 are objected to under PCT Rule 66.2(a)(v) as lacking clarity under PCT Article 6 because claims 17-19 are indefinite for the following reason(s): claims 17-19 are improper multiple dependent.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) s 1-8,13-19,25-28 are, drawn to Software receiver.

Group II, claim(s) s 9-12,20-23 are, drawn to PRN code generator.

Group III, claim(s) 24 is, drawn to Tracking PRN code.

The inventions listed as Groups I, II and III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

Claims 1-8,13-19,25-28 are, drawn to Software receiver.

Claims 9-12,20-23 are, drawn to PRN code generator.

Claim 24 is, drawn to Tracking PRN code.